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Dear Luca,

Many thanks for your letter and for Table 2. The whole thing went off to the editor on the 16th. and he has informed me that it is satisfactory. The only omission is the reference to your 1952 paper but this can be added at the proof stage. I enclose the copy I had of the paper, annotated in accordance with your wishes. Incidentally, you were right about the Griffith paper. It ~~was~~ was 1928, i.e. 24 years ago! I checked the reference. As regards the proofs, you, Lederberg & myself will all receive a copy. The proofs have to be in within 10 days of receipt, but if I have not received either of your corrections for inclusion in my copy, these can be altered in the 2nd. proof which the editor gets before the journal finally goes to press.

I was sorry I could (or, rather, did!) not pay a visit to your lab. at Milan the Monday after the conference, as just to know the kind of environment in which someone else works gives an increased sense of intimacy with the work itself. I felt, however, that Nora had had rather a dull week (and, after all, it was her holiday) and that I should spend all the time I could with her, especially since the day was so fine. In fact we had only two sunny days in our last week and returned to Geneva on Thursday instead of Friday as we had intended, only to find it raining there too! I would like to tell you how much I enjoyed the conference and, especially, meeting such a nice crowd of people. I usually find it rather a strain (being an introvert!), and do not feel at all at ease having to spend a period of days with people I do not know very well. On this occasion, though, I really enjoyed the social life, and there are very few of the people at the conference whom I would not look forward to seeing again. My only regret was that I was'n't able to see more of yourself but the dilution factor at conferences is always very high. I do hope that you will be able to come to London for a few days in the spring, though I fear that my lab. is singularly unimpressive. However we should both have a lot more information to discuss by then. You will, of course, stay with us and if your wife can come with you Nora would be delighted. We both feel indebted to you for giving up a whole Sunday to entertaining us and hope that you both enjoyed it as much as we did. You may remember that I promised to

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send you some toy motors, worked by a fly-wheel instead of by a spring, for your children. They may not appreciate the difference but you will! Our usual shop which stocks them is closed for holidays at the moment but I got a couple of not-so-good ones elsewhere and will send them off in a few days.

I expect it will be about a month before I can get down to work properly again. I will let you know anything new that turns up. In the meantime I am looking forward to seeing you again in the spring or summer. Congratulations and thanks for the excellent way the conference was organised and the enjoyable time we spent at Pallanza.

With best wishes to your wife from Nora and myself.

Yours,

*Bill.*